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SUBJ: CYPRUS: HARTMAN CONVERSATION WITH CHELIK

1. VADAT CHELIK, TFSC "FOREIGN MINISTER," AND NAIL ATALAY, TURKISH/CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN, EUR/SE DIRECTOR LEDSKY, AND USUN MISOFF SEPTEMBER 27. CHELIK LAUNCHED USUAL EXPLICATION OF THE NEFARIOUS QUALITIES OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS WHO, THROUGH MANIPULATION, PROPAGANDA AND SHORT-SIGHTED AMBITION, HAD SIDE-TRACKED EVERY EFFORT ADVANCE SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. CHELIK ALSO CAME DOWN HARD AGAINST GREEK GOVERNMENT, CLAIMING GREECE MAY BE SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO USE CYPRUS AS A BALANCE IN DEALING WITH TURKS ON THE AEGEAN. CHELIK RECALLED THAT PM CARAMANLIS WAS SILENT WHEN CLERIDES WAS FORCED TO RESIGN AS THE GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR, SUGGESTED THAT CARAMANLIS SEEMED WILLING TO "SACRIFICE" CLERIDES, THE VOICE OF MODERATION IN THE CYPRUS TALKS.

2. CHELIK MADE FREQUENT REFERENCE TO THE STRENGTH

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OF LEFTIST AKEL AND MAKARIOS DEPENDENCY ON COMMUNIST

SUPPORT. HE REMARKED AT ONE POINT THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS COULD BE CONCEIVABLY OF ASSISTANCE IN FUTURE AS A BALANCE AGAINST COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN SOUTHERN CYPRUS.

3. AFTER REVIEWING LOST OPPORTUNITIES ATTRIBUTED TO GREEK SIDE'S TACTICAL MISTAKES, CHELIK NOTED THAT THE PROBLEM OF TERRITORY CANNOT BE SOLVED BY SIMPLE ARITHMETICAL APPROACH, BUT ONLY THROUGH SUSTAINED GIVE-AND-TAKE AT NEGOTIATING TABLE. HARTMAN POINTED OUT THAT US POSITION WAS TO CONTINUE TO URGE TWO PARTIES TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD UNDERSTAND TURKISH/CYPRIOT POSITION MORE CLEARLY IF TURKS EXPRESSED THEMSELVES AS READY TO NEGOTIATE AND MAKE MODIFICATIONS IN CERTAIN KEY AREAS OF INTEREST TO GREEK/CYPRIOTS.

4. CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH CHELIK STATING THAT HE PLANNED TO LEAVE NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 30, SPEND ONE DAY IN LONDON, AND RETURN TO NICOSIA PROBABLY ON OCTOBER 2.
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